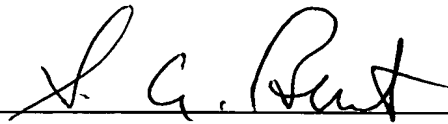


**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing amendments to the claims be entered in order to avoid this application incurring a surcharge for the presence of one or more multiple dependent claims.

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4. (Amended) A cell according to **[any of Claims 1-3]** **Claim 1** characterised in that said pluripotent characteristic includes the expression of at least one selected marker of pluripotent cells.
8. (Amended) A cell according to **[Claim 1-7]** **Claim 1** characterised in that said pluripotent characteristic includes the presence of telomerase activity in said pluripotent cell.
9. (Amended) A cell according to **[any of Claims 1-8]** **Claim 1** characterised in that said pluripotent characteristic includes the presence of a chromosomal methylation pattern characteristic of pluripotent cells.
10. (Amended) A cell according to **[any of Claims 1-9]** **Claim 1** characterised in that said pluripotent characteristic includes the ability to induce tumours when introduced into an animal.
11. (Amended) A cell-line comprising cells according to **[any of Claims 1-10]** **Claim 1**.
13. (Amended) A method for preparing a cell according to **[any of Claims 1-10 or a cell-line according to Claim 11 or 12]** **Claim 1** comprising;
- (i) combining at least one embryonal stem/embryonal germ cell with at least one somatic cell;
  - (ii) removing from said combined cell, the embryonal stem/embryonal germ cell nucleus;
  - (iii) culturing said cell under conditions conducive to proliferation and expansion of said cell; and, optionally

- (iv) storing said cell culture under suitable storage conditions.

14. (Amended) A method for preparing a cell according to **[any of Claims 1-10 or a cell-line according to Claim 11 or 12] Claim 1** comprising;

- (i) providing at least one embryonal stem/embryonal germ cell;
- (ii) separating at least part of the cytoplasm from the nucleus of said embryonal stem/embryonal germ cell;
- (iii) isolating said cytoplasmic part
- (iv) combining said cytoplasmic part with at least one somatic cell;
- (v) growing said combined cell in culture; and optionally
- (vi) storing said combined cell under suitable storage conditions.

17. (Amended) A method according to **[Claims 13-16] Claim 13** characterised in that said embryonal stem/embryonal germ cell and somatic cell are of human origin.

18. (Amended) A cell culture comprising at lease one cell according to **[any of Claims 1-10] Claim 1**.

19. (Amended) A method for inducing differentiation of at least one cell according to **[any of Claims 1-10] Claim 1** comprising;

- (i) providing a cell according to **[any of Claims 1-10] Claim 1**;
- (ii) culturing said cell under conditions conducive to the differentiation of said cell into at least one tissue; and optionally
- (iii) storing of said differentiated tissue prior to use under suitable storage conditions.

21. (Amended) At least one tissue type or organ comprising at least one cell according to **[any of Claims 1-10] Claim 1**.

22. (Amended) A therapeutic composition comprising;  
**(i)** at least one cell according to [any of Claims 1-10 including] **Claim 1**  
**and**  
**(ii)** a suitable excipient, diluant or carrier.
24. (Amended) A method to treat conditions or diseases requiring transplantation of tissue comprising;  
(i) providing at least one tissue type or organ according to Claim 22 [or 23];  
(ii) surgically introducing said tissue or organ into a patient to be treated;  
and  
(iii) treating said patient under conditions which are conducive to the acceptance of said transplanted tissue by said patient.
25. (Amended) A kit comprising at least one cell according to [any of Claims 1-10] **Claim 1**; instructions with respect to maintenance of said cell in culture; and, optionally, factors required to induce differentiation of said cell to at least one desired tissue type or organ.